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The International Secretariat of OMCT has received new information concerning the release of Mr. **Antonio da Costa** and Mr. **Mauricio da Costa** in **East Timor**.

Brief reminder of the situation:
The East Timor Human Rights Centre (ETHRC), a member of the network, had expressed its grave concern over the physical and psychological integrity of two East Timorese men, Mr **Antonio da Costa** and his brother Mr **Mauricio da Costa**. They had allegedly been held in incommunicado military custody following their arrest on 12 May, 1998. It was believed the two men were subjected to torture and beatings while in detention.

New information :
The International Secretariat has just been informed by the ETHRC of the release, on May 19th, of Mr. **Antonio da Costa** and Mr. **Mauricio da Costa** and of the confirmation that they were detained at the Kopassus headquarters in Baucau. They were reportedly subjected to torture and ill-treatment during their detention; it is believed that their hands were burnt and they received electric shocks. Mr. Antonio da Costa is reportedly still having difficulties in moving and both men continue to suffer from trauma following their ill-treatment.

The International Secretariat congratulates itself for their release and thanks all those organisations and individuals who intervened on their behalf.

Remarks :
Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to :

i.- ensure a thorough and impartial investigation into the allegations of torture and ill-treatment of Mr. **Antonio da Costa** and Mr. **Mauricio da Costa** in order to identify those responsible, bring them to trial and apply the penal, civil and administrative sanctions as provided by law; and put an end to all practices of torture committed in detention centers and prisons;

ii.- in general, abide to the norms established in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the international conventions ratified by Indonesia.

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